

Amendments To The Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1 – 13 (canceled)

14. (new) A method for determining the type of transmission of signaling information between a first and a second packet network terminal for a simplifying processing of the signaling information with relation to a dialogue with a speech dialogue system in a packet network, comprising:

providing a speech dialogue system without special hardware devices for the support of in-band signaling and is specified as one of the packet network terminals;

avoiding codecs with in-band signaling for the transmission of signaling information; and  
determining either a codec with out-of-band-signaling supported by both packet network terminals or signaling by specially labeled data packets for the transmission of signaling information.

15. (new) The method according to claim 14, wherein the signaling is carried out by specially labeled data packets in accordance with the IETF Standard RFC 2833.

16. (new) A method for determining the type of transmission of signaling information between a first and a second packet network terminal for a simplifying processing of the signaling information with relation to a dialogue with a speech dialogue system in a packet network, comprising:

providing a speech dialogue system without special hardware for the support of in-band signaling and is specified as the second packet network terminal

determining a codec supported by both packet network terminals for the transmission of signaling information; and

controlling the speech dialogue system by a control device that, independently of the selected codec, sends a signaling message to the first packet network terminal and that message stipulates the use of out-of-band signaling.

17. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein that with relation to a codec negotiation/determination, a codec is selected that is supported by both packet network terminals.

18. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein the transmission of signaling information with relation to the automated information output is carried out by Dual Tone Multiple Frequency characters.

19. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein the speech dialogue system is controlled by a control device that is represented by a packet based exchange, a call server, a proxy server, or a soft switch.

20. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein in the case that for the transmission via the packet network a codec with out-of-band signaling or signaling according to RFC 2833 supported by both packet network terminals cannot be determined, or the first packet network terminal does not permit out-of-band signaling for codecs supported by both packet network terminals the a speech dialogue system supporting in-band signaling is specified as a packet network terminal instead of the speech dialogue system without special hardware for the support of in-band signaling, and a coding method with in-band signaling is determined for the transmission of the signaling information.

21. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein with relation to the dialogue with the speech dialogue system, an automatic output of information, speech information, video information, or both is undertaken.

22. (new) A device for a simplifying processing of signaling information with relation to a dialogue with a speech dialogue system in a packet network, comprising:

a speech dialogue system without hardware devices for the support of in-band signaling,  
and

a control device controlling the speech dialogue system,

whereby the device is set up such that in a selection of a codec for an automated information output, codecs with in-band signaling are not permitted.

23. (new) The device according to one of the claim 22, wherein the device is represented by a packet based exchange, a call server, a proxy server, or a soft switch.